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NAIROBI FOR EZELLE AND S/S (SCHLAMM)

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SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY'S BILATERAL WITH MINISTER ILANGARATNE
AT UNCTAD IV

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1. ON APRIL 30 WE TOLD KELEGAMA THAT SRI LANKA SCHEDULED
TO SPEAK MONDAY MAY 10 AND THAT WE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE
TO CONFIRM TRADE MIN ILANGARATNE'S BILATERAL WITH
DEPUTY SECRETARY ON FRIDAY, MAY 7. DELEGAMA
COULD NOT CHECK WITH MIN ILANGARATNE BECAUSE LATTER IS
HEAVILY OCCUPIED IN PREPARATION FOR MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS IN
COLOMBO. HOWEVER, KELEGAMA REPEATED THAT MINISTER WOULD
BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH DEPUTY SECY ROBINSON AND CONFIRMED
THAT 10:00 AM, MAY 7, AT INTER-CONTINENTAL WOULD BE
CONVENIENT.

2. KELEGAMA, HOWEVER, DID SAY THAT HE BELIEVED
MINISTER IS DISAPPOINTED APPARENTLY NOT TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY
TO MEET WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. WE EXPLAINED THAT WE HOPED
HE WOULD UNDERSTAND SECRETARY'S EXTREMELY TIGHT SCHEDULE IN
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NAIROBI AND STRESSED THAT WE BELIEVED EXCHANGE WITH

DEPUTY SECRETARY WOULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL SINCE
IT WOULD BE HIGHEST LEVEL CONTACT BETWEEN OUR TWO
GOVERNMENTS SINCE SECRETARY SIMON'S APRIL 1975
COLOMBO VISIT. KELEGAMA ACKNOWLEDGE LATTER POINT
AND REPEATED THAT FRIDAY, MAY 7, MEETING IS CONFIRMED.

3. ALTHOUGH WE ARE SURE MEETING WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY
WILL BE USEFUL, ESPECIALLY GIVEN OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS
IN ECONOMIC MATTERS, WE RECOMMEND EFFORT BE MADE
TO HAVE AT LEAST SHORT CONTACT BETWEEN SECRETARY
KISSINGER AND MIN ILANGARATNE, GIVEN SRI LANKA'S
ROLE IN NON-ALIGNED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS' AFFAIRS.
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